



FY 22-23 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Local Solicitation Funding Announcement Q&A Tracker

About this Document:

This guide will provide an overview of questions and answers regarding the [FY 22-23 Byrne SCIP Local Solicitation](#) funding announcement and application process, which opened on 09/07/2023. Responses will be provided as staff is able to process questions through 10/12/2023.

Questions?

Please contact PCCD staff at RA-PCCD-OCJSI@pa.gov with "22-23 Byrne SCIP Local Solicitation" in the subject line.

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1. Eligible Applicants

- a) *The 22-23 Byrne SCIP Local Solicitation funding announcement lists eligible applicants as: "Eligibility for these funds is open to units of local government (city, county, township, or town). Applicants may only submit one application under this solicitation." Does this mean as a gun violence institution and a 501c3 non-profit, we cannot apply?*

Answer: Eligibility for these funds is open only to units of local government (city, county, township, or town). Non-profit organizations are not eligible to apply.

However, in addition to the eligible applicants listed in the funding announcement, SCIP funding can be used to support a wide range of subrecipients, including, but not limited to, courts (state, county, local), institutions of higher education, law enforcement, supervision agencies, prosecutors, public defenders, behavioral health, emergency communications, etc.

- b) *Must all successful applicants for this FA have a high gun violence rate?*

Answer: As highlighted during the [FY 22-23 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Local Solicitation Webinar](#) on November 14, 2023, gun violence takes multiple forms. For purposes of this solicitation, 'gun violence' includes interpersonal gun violence (e.g., community gun violence including criminal gun homicide and domestic violence), suicide by firearm, and accidental and/or unintentional shootings. Applicants will be required to articulate the locally identified problem they are seeking to address and provide supporting data/facts/figures specific to the project and relevant to the problem and request.

- c) *I am a newly formed non-profit organization. My 501(c)3 status is still pending approval from the IRS. Will I be able to apply for these funds?*

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2. Eligible Program Activities and Expenses

- a) *Generally curious how to address all three priority areas, especially priority 3 to "address the intersections of domestic violence and intimate partner violence with gun violence."*

Answer: Due to the competitive nature of this funding announcement, staff may not advise an applicant on how to respond to any section of the application. The priority areas, objectives, proposed approaches, and eligible program activities and expenses are defined within in the funding announcement in the Priority Areas, Objectives, and Proposed Approaches and Eligible Program Activities and Expenses sections. Applicants should determine if the proposed project/activities are in alignment with the funding guidelines.

All applicants must address at least one of the Priority Areas, Objectives, and Proposed Approaches within their application. Applicants may choose to submit an application that addresses multiple Priority Areas, Objectives, and Proposed Approaches, but are not required to do so.

- b) *Is enhancing crisis response inclusive of trained staff at dispatch to respond to calls in communities disproportionately impacted by gun violence?*

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- c) *Can you provide examples of agencies and programs that would be likely to be funded?*

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- d) *Can funds be utilized for hiring new staff attorneys and/or social workers?*

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- e) *Is this grant relevant to "fortress probation" style agencies where most officers spend their time in an office based setting, thus limiting their capacity and ability to respond to emergent situations in the community?*

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f) The solicitation document identifies several things the funding cannot be used for. Are there specific limitations set on what we can use the funding for?

Answer: Funds for the proposed program shall be used to implement projects that support one or more of the Priority Areas, Objectives, and Proposed Approaches from the PCCD FY 2022-2023 Byrne SCIP Funding Plan as outlined in the funding announcement. Only projects in support of the Proposed Approaches identified within the approved SCIP Funding Plan are eligible for funding under this solicitation. Eligible budget categories include Personnel, Employee Benefits, Travel (Including Training), Equipment, Supplies & Operating Expenses, Consultants, and Other.